

Fenwick Island Environment Committee

November 9, 2010

Attendance: *Environment Committee Members Vicki Carmean, John Belian, Richard Streett & Harry Haon.*
Absent - Buzz Henifin, Susan Klein, Mary Ellen Langan, Lois Twilley.

1. **Flag Salute** – led John Belian at 3:30 PM.
2. **Minutes of the August 10, 2010 Meeting** – approval postponed until the next meeting when more members will be present.
3. **New Business**
 - **Introductions** – New member Richard Streett was introduced and welcomed to the committee. Members shared with him some of the group's past accomplishments.
 - **Review of Mission Statement and Goals** – Vicki Carmean suggested that these be reviewed and updated in order to provide a focus for the group during the next two years. A copy with highlighted accomplishments will be sent out for members to look over.
 - **Selection of CoChairs** – This will be postponed until the next meeting so that more members can offer their ideas.
 - **Meeting Date Discussion** – Vicki Carmean will poll all members to determine what is convenient for everyone.
 - **Water Report** – Although Buzz Henifin was not available, the group discussed his water testing efforts during the past six years and the need to share his data via the Town's website. In order to improve the water quality in the Little Assawoman Bay, the public needs to understand present conditions in the Bay. Further discussion will be on the next meeting's agenda.
 - **FIN** – Ideas for the FIN contribution included names of the members, date for the next meetings, and the mission statement.
4. **Other Topics**
 - **Solar Power** – The group agreed that it would be a good idea to organize a meeting around a presentation by CNC Solar Company as a way to educate the residents about the positive aspects of using solar energy. Vicki Carmean shared a news article about the FIPD's installation of four solar panels in police vehicles in order to cut down on gas use and prevent dead batteries. The group also noted the Town's plans to add solar panels to the Public Works Building.
 - **Tree City, USA** – The committee agreed to recommend that the Arbor Day Resolution be presented at the December 10th meeting for Council approval. The Tree City, USA award depends on this and allows the Town to apply for several possible grants, which could be useful in the development of the Cannon Street park.
5. **Adjournment** – 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Carmean, EC Member